

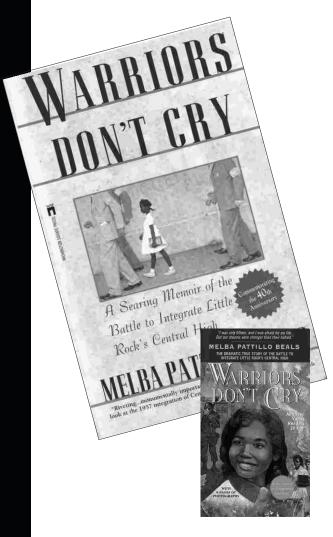
## ONE COMMUNITY CHELSEA READS TOGETHER

**DISCUSSION CALENDAR** 

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2004 MLK CELEBRATION

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This web site will be updated with the 2004 MLK community celebration on January 19 and other January events.







## Terror and Fear... Courage and Determination... "Warriors Don't Cry" by Melba Pattillo Beals

Step 1: READ - Have you ever wondered how a person is selected to win the Congressional Gold Medal? Melba Pattillo Beals, author of *Waniors Don't Cry* won this medal and has written her story of the battle to integrate Little Rock's Central High. Read together - with your family, with friends or at work. Read this book and think about how we are all witnesses of history and messengers to humanity. We recommend the abridged version for students in grades 7th through 9th. Go to the Chelsea District Library and check out a copy or go to Cranesbill Books and purchase "Warriors Don't Cry" and/or the abridged young readers edition.

Step 2: THINK - DO NOT BECOME A BYSTANDER! Marcia Webb, student at Central High ... "I'm sorry to say now looking back that what was happening didn't have more significance and I didn't take more of an active role. But I was interested in the things that most kids are... the football team...dances..." What would you have done?

Step 3: TALK / LISTEN - Host or join a discussion group to see how / why / if this book fits into Chelsea life and our schools today. Go to the Chelsea District Library web site for information on how to participate and for discussion topics: www.chelsea.lib.mi.us

Step 4: GROW - Bring this experience with you to the 2004 OWOF Celebration on January 19. Listen to Rossi Ray Taylor speak on public education of today and the steps we have taken in 50 years since the Supreme Court decision to end segregation with Brown v. Board of Education. Take an active role in understanding and eliminating racism.

This community project will culminate at the library on Saturday, February 7, 2004 with the living history presentation, "Martin Luther King, Jr." Called "captivating" and "powerful", this one-man production explores the life of Dr. King. Travel through time and find out about the man whose commitment to humanity and unquenchable thirst for freedom and equality changed the world.

"I applaud this groups efforts as they progress in educating the Chelsea community and its residents about racism, civil rights, and public education from my perspective and expereince of 1957 in Little Rocks Central High School by way of the community read of my book, "Warriors Don't Cry."

- Melba Pattillo Beals, November 5, 2004